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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0563]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of

Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 2000.

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THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0563."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Army Chemical Corps Vietnam Veterans Health Study, Phase II, VA Form 10-20998(NR).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0563.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: A contractor to VA will conduct telephone surveys, analyze serum for TCDD, retrieve medical records and provide automated databases to VA. VA researchers will use the study data to determine whether there are indications that Army Chemical Corps Vietnam veterans suffer from illnesses at higher or unusual rates than Vietnam era Army Chemical Corps veterans. The relationship between

health outcomes and possible exposure to herbicides will also be evaluated.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 22, 1999, at page 33345.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,448 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,895.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0563" in any correspondence.

Dated: February 16, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

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